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FAC Spotlight: What Do a Communications Analyst and a Russian Linguist Have in Common?

Each other...For a hometown boy from Frankfort to a Russian linguist, people often ask John Barnes, "how in the world did you pick Russian, of all languages?"

Barnes, now with COT's Office of Application Development, said, "It pretty much happened by accident."

When he decided to join the Air Force, the recruiter suggested that John take several tests. He excelled on the language tests so he decided to pursue a linguist career path and became fluent in the Russian language.

What was really surprising is that later John learned that two of his uncles were also Russian linguists during the Vietnam War.

When John was stationed in England, he met Barbara, a communications analyst who was stationed at the Royal Air Force Chicksands.

"Right from the beginning, we knew we were meant for each other and got married soon after we met," said Barbara, who now heads up the Dept. of Revenue's Office of Field Operations.

Barbara is a native of Narragansett, RI, and trained at a tech school in Texas. She became the lead analyst and trainer for all communications analysts.

While at RAF Chicksands she worked with other analysts, linguists, Morse code operators, and other intelligence professionals.

Barbara's work focused on intelligence related to enemy air defenses, troop movements, and leadership communications. As a linguist, John focused on leadership and strategic forces communications as well as special incidents such as the Chernobyl nuclear reactor disaster.

Their work focused on Cold War adversaries' activities, with a highlight of their work culminating with the fall of the Berlin Wall.



"We lived less than a mile from the Wall, and worked less than a few hundred yards from it," said Barbara.

When asked if they were actually there at the Berlin Wall when it came down, they were not.

"During the actual fall, many intelligence personnel, including us, were restricted in our movements because it was such an unsure time, so we couldn't participate in what turned out to be significant demonstrations and celebrations. However, changes continued throughout the rest of our tour that we did experience," said John.

Another highlight of their time in West Berlin was the birth of their daughter, Emmaleigh Berlin.

After leaving the Air Force, the family moved back to Kentucky where both John and Barbara began their state government career in the Natural Resources and Environmental Cabinet.

Their Air Force career also took them to Omaha, Nebraska and Misawa, Japan.

Ethics & Employment Outside State Government After Administration Change

As the Beshear Administration ends some employees may be leaving state government. Please be aware there are several Executive Branch Ethics requirements that affect your employment opportunities, both in the short term and longer term.

Below is a link to the Executive Branch Ethics Commission's website pertaining to "State Employee Resources."

<http://ethics.ky.gov/resources/Pages/default.aspx>

Additionally, Governor Beshear issued an executive order early in his term which could affect you, which are in addition to the requirements of the Executive Branch Ethics Code. Executive Order 2008-0454 can be accessed from the Secretary of State's [website](#) or on the Finance Intranet site.

Of particular note in section four: An executive branch public servant shall not negotiate for future employment with a person or business that does business with or is regulated by the agency for which he works if the public servant is directly involved in matters regarding the prospective employer. If an employee wishes to abstain from direct involvement in matters regarding a (sic) employee that does business with or is regulated by the employee's agency, the employee shall disclose such abstention in writing to his or her superior.

Also, please note that if your position requires you to file a **Statement of Financial Disclosure**, it will need to be filed within 30 days of your last day of employment, not the typical April 15 deadline.

You may contact the Executive Branch Ethics Commission or the Finance Cabinet general counsel's office headed by Geri Grigsby if you have any questions.

Memorial Bench for Bradley Project at Frankfort High

Honors Bradley Camic

Bradley Camic, 16-year-old son of Dept. of Revenue's Julie Camic, suffered seizures and died in early September. The Frankfort community, co-workers and many others have supported Julie and her family throughout this ordeal.

Bradley's classmates at Frankfort High School are collecting plastic bottle caps that can be turned into a bench in honor of Bradley.

You can help in this effort by saving plastic caps and dropping them off at the school. They will be collecting caps through spring of next year.

See flyer at right.

Recycle Plastic Caps for Camic

A Bench



Caps



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IT'S SIMPLE
400 lbs
CAPS + LIDS
= BENCH

Frankfort Independent Schools
**BENCH for Bradley
PROJECT**

Types of Caps

Any plastic cap, clean and free of metal may be donated.

Some examples include:

-  Snap on-cottage cheese, coffee can, and yogurt lids.
-  Twist on-medicine, drink bottles and milk (including the ring).
-  Flip top-catchup and condiment bottle lids.
-  Large twist-detergent lids.
-  Spout-such as squirt mustard

Drop Off Locations:
Second Street School or Frankfort High School
For more information contact:
Amy Tolliver (502)385-1875



CHURCHILL DOWNS



Once in a Lifetime Event to Light & Photograph Churchill Downs
Saturday, October 3rd at 8:00 p.m.

You're invited to light up the Twin Spires with flashlights as part of the Rochester Institute of Technology's Big Shot photography project – a spectacular extended exposure nighttime photo of Churchill Downs!

All participants will receive a voucher for FREE General Admission to the 2015 Churchill Downs Fall Meet, PLUS a FREE high resolution file of the evening's Big Shot photograph.

The event and parking are FREE

Bring a flashlight and wear dark clothing

Enter through Gate 10

No experience is necessary

Additional instructions will be given upon arrival

[Click here](#) for details.

Treasure Finders Program Finds Rightful Owner of Nearly Half Million Dollars

Recently Kentucky Treasurer Todd Hollenbach appeared on the WHAS TV program Great Day Live Tuesday morning with Fred Meyer, a retired engineer from Louisville and the recipient of nearly half a million dollars in unclaimed property from the Treasure finders program.

Mr. Meyer's good fortune is the result of a Treasure finders Pilot project by Treasurer Hollenbach to seek out the rightful owners of high dollar unclaimed properties in Jefferson and Fayette Counties.

Meyers' story began in the sixties when he purchased an apple computer for his then ten year old son. He was so impressed with the computer, he decided to buy some stock in the company, 400 shares at \$2 a share!

Over the years, the account was taken over by different brokers and Meyer lost track of the stock. Finally in 2008, by law the latest broker reported the stock to the state Treasury as abandoned property after failing to locate Meyer the previous three years. Four years later the Treasury sold the stock and placed the value in the unclaimed property data base. The stock had split and its value in 2012 was \$461,000.

Treasurer Hollenbach's staff, using the latest search technology, located Meyer, processed his claim and handed him a check.

Meyer was so grateful to the treasurer, he agreed to go on Great Day Live and tell his story in hopes of inspiring others to search for unclaimed property.

You can search for unclaimed property by going to Missing-Money.com or by calling toll free 800-465-4722.